

City of Greensboro City Council

Agenda Item

TITLE: Resolution Approving Substantial Amendment to the FY 2008-09 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development Activities to Enable Application for Community Development Block Grant - Recovery (CDBG-R) Funds					
Department:	Housing and Community Development	Current Date:	5/18/09		
Contact 1:	Dan Curry, Acting Director	Public Hearing:	6/2/09		
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Attachments:	A) Proposed CDBG-R projects that support the Substantial Amendment (the HUD-40119) to the FY2008-2009 Annual Action Plan B) Resolution Approving the Proposed Substantial Amendment				

PURPOSE:

This is the second Amendment to the City of Greensboro's Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan (AAP), which was submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on May 15, 2008. This Amendment is necessary to allow the use of new Federal HUD funding; all of the elements of the City's original FY 2008-2009 AAP are hereby incorporated into this supplemental document.

BACKGROUND:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law on February 17, 2009. The Recovery Act includes \$1 billion in Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) funds to support a broad range of housing and community development projects that are "shovel-ready," i.e., can be implemented as soon as possible. Congress clearly intends that CDBG-R funds should primarily be invested in economic development, housing, infrastructure and other public facilities activities that will quickly spur further economic investment, increased energy efficiency, and job creation or retention.

The City will receive \$510,817 in new CDBG-R funds. Priority will be given to projects that can award contracts by mid-August 2009. The purpose of this FY 2008-2009 AAP Second Amendment is to describe the City's proposed use of the CDBG-R funds.

Guidance for CDBG-R funding and its application process were provided through a HUD Notice signed May 4, 2009. In that notice a deadline of June 5, 2009 was given for submitting a CDBG-R spending and activities plan to HUD.

The Housing and Community Development Department began the process of seeking community input regarding the allocation of these funds in April at various neighborhood meetings. A public informational meeting and discussion of possible CDBG-R projects was held on May 18, 2009 at the J. Douglas Galyon Depot. Applications were received and evaluated for CDBG-R eligibility and intent of the Recovery Act that were then provided to the Community Resource Board (CRB) for recommendation.

At the Community Resource Board public hearing on May 21, 2009 the CRB heard comments on possible projects then approved a recommended project list of selected projects that could be completed quickly and make a positive community impact. This list is included as Attachment "A".

BUDGET IMPACT:

Approval of the above referenced proposed Substantial Plan Amendment would allow the City to administer a \$510,817 one-year CDBG-R grant for the purpose of assisting Greensboro economically in the recovery process.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The Community Resource Board recommends that City Council consider authorizing application for CDBG-R funds by approving the Substantial Plan Amendment as proposed (with the additions of public comments from this public hearing).

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Attachment A

CRB Funding Recommendations for CDBG-R

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	Total CDBG-R Grant = \$510,817 - 10% Admin. Fee (\$51,081)		
	Funds to allocate = \$459,360		
Woodmere Park - Parks and			
Recreation	ADA ramp/compliance	\$5,100	\$5,100
	Urgent repairs or "major" repair program - 12 units. Low		
	income homeowners will have their homes improved. Home		
Major Home Repairs - Housing	repairs including weatherization, energy efficiency, and		
Greensboro	green techniques when possible. 1 job will be created.	\$78,000	\$78,000
	Urgent repairs or "mini" repair program - 75 units. Low		
	income homeowners will have their homes repaired. This		
Minor Home Repairs - Housing	will prevent further deteriorization of the local housing		
Greensboro	stock. 1 job will be created.	\$25,000	\$25,000
	Roof replacement - 108 unit affordable rental apartment		
	complex will have a substantial rehabilitation project		
Rehabilitation - JT Hairston	completed by CDBG-R funds. Energy efficiency (windows,		
Memorial Apartments	insulation) has been a primary goal of the larger project.	\$136,165	\$136,165
214 English Street - Habitat for	Acquisition and Rehabilitation of a 6 unit apartment for use		
Humanity	as permanent supportive housing	\$163,000	\$50,000
	Green retrofits to residential properties, energy audits,		
Energy Retrofit Program -	weatherization, and job training/creation - 75 units - 5 jobs		
Enpulse Energy Conservation	created	\$219,000	\$104,371
	Fostering energy independence - New thermal windows will		_
	be installed which will also be cusomized for historic		
	compliance. This is considered a green retrofitting which will		
Homeless Hospitality House -	lower operations cost for "Hospitality House" a nonprofit		
Beloved Community Center	homeless facility. Up	\$23,000	\$23,000
*Walking/Exercise Trail - City of			
Greensboro HCD	Willow Road; near tennis courts	\$38,000	\$38,100

Attachment A

CRB Funding Recommendations for CDBG-R

Attachment B

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO GREENSBORO'S FY 2008-09 ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES TO ENABLE APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - RECOVERY (CDBG-R) FUNDS

WHEREAS, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 the City of Greensboro is eligible to submit application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a 1-year grant totaling \$510,817; and

WHEREAS, program funds will be used to help assisting in economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, application for the funding constitutes a substantial amendment to Greensboro's FY 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development Activities

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That, Greensboro's FY 2008-2009 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development activities has been substantially amended and that this action enables the City of Greensboro to submit application for Community Development Block Grant - Recovery funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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